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Several displaced after home destroyed by fire

LAWAI – Four individuals have been displaced from their Lāwa'i home following a fire that broke out early Tuesday morning.

No one was home at the time and no injuries were reported.

Kalāheo firefighters responded at approximately 3 a.m. to find a three-story home on Piko Road fully engulfed in flames. Neighbors were already attempting to control the blaze when firefighters arrived, but witnesses say the fire spread rapidly.

Crews from the Līhu'e and Hanapēpē station also responded and were soon joined by personnel from the Fire Prevention Bureau, the on-duty Battalion Chief, and police.

The fire was extinguished shortly before 6 a.m. but Kalāheo firefighters remained on scene for several hours to monitor hot spots and clear water and debris from the property.

The fire is believed to have started from the first floor of the residence but the cause remains under investigation.

Fire inspectors consider the roughly 3,000-square foot home a total loss and estimate damages to the structure and its contents to be \$700,000.

Volunteers with the American Red Cross are assisting a displaced family of three and another adult who was renting a unit in the home.

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